Nelson defeats Raiders

The Raider varsity football team suffered its second defeat of this season Friday night, a 6-3 loss to a spirited team from Nelson County High School.

All the game's scoring came in the form of field goals, including a 40-yard kick by Nelson County's Mark Wells in the fourth quarter which broke a 3-3 tie.

The Raiders got on the scoreboard first, on a controversial 25-yard field goal by kicker Phillip Agee. The Nelson County coaching staff and team questioned whether the ball had gone through the uprights, and one coach was ejected from the game.

The next two quarters were scoreless, as both teams settled into solid defensive play.

Then in the third quarter, Wells tied the game with a 30-yard kick. With only 2:40 left to play, the Nelson County booter kicked his game-winning field goal.

The Raiders showed flashes of offensive brilliance in Friday night's game, but were plagued by offensive mistakes in key situations. Several long gainers were annulled by penalties, and Appomattox lost three fumbles, including two inside the Governors' 25-yard line.

"We were very disappointed," commented Raider Coach Gary Cuccio after the game. "We felt our defense played very well, but the offense was spotty....We played well in some places, but had some key breakdowns."

The Raiders outperformed Nelson County everywhere but on the scoreboard. Appomattox gained 215 yards total offense, including 136 on the ground and 79 passing. The Raider offense totaled 14 first downs in the game. Nelson County, on the other hand, compiled 111 yards total offense, including 82 on the ground and 29 passing. The Governors compiled nine first downs, including two by penalty.

Dennis Fleshman was the leading ground gainer for the Raiders with 79 yards total. Rodney Bryant got 28 yards rushing, and Octey McIvor totaled 18 yards rushing.

Jody Williams caught three passes for 44 yards, and Mark Kelso caught two passes for 36 yards.

We were very disappointed by what happened Friday night," the coach said, "but we feel like we have the potential to be a very fine football team. We hope that what happened Friday night will only serve to bring us together and give us more determination in future games."

The loss brings the Raiders' record to 2 wins, two losses. Friday night the Appomattox team will take on Altavista in an 8 p.m. contest at Altavista.

Liberty hands girls first defeat

The Raiderette varsity basketball team suffered its first loss of the season last Tuesday in a game against Liberty, then scored a convincing victory over Buckingham Thursday evening.

In Tuesday's 30-36 loss to Liberty, the Raiderettes fell behind early, as Liberty scored 10 unanswered points at the game's beginning.

Liberty carried a 20-4 advantage into the second quarter, then extended that lead to 35-12 as the first half ended. In the third quarter, the Raiderettes were again outdistanced as Liberty scored 23 points to the local girls' six. The final period of play was much the same, as Liberty scored 24 points to the Raiderettes' 14, and the game ended at 80-36.

Liberty's Junel Leftwich scored an amazing 32 points, and her teammates Shirley Staples and Vickie Zimmerman scored 19 and 14 points, respectively.

For the Raiderettes, Ruby Smith scored 26 points, followed by Sandra Watkins with eight points and Lolita Preston, with two.

"We were never really in the game," said Coach Mary Tolley of the Liberty contest. "We just couldn't stop their fast break or get our own offensive game into gear."

Tolley commended Smith for her 26 points, four rebounds, three steals and one assist. She also commended Rhonda Jaggars for her ten rebounds, two steals and three assists, and Sandra Watkins for her eight points and three rebounds.

"Liberty is a really good team, and we'll have to work hard the rest of the season to be ready for them the next time," Tolley said. "But we're still young in a couple of positions, and maybe another ten games will help."

The Raiderettes needed no help Thursday night against Buckingham, who they defeated 66-45.

The local girls jumped to a 22-7 lead in the first quarter, then extended that lead to 33-16 as the first half ended. In the third quarter, Buckingham outscored the Raiderettes 19-14, but the Raiderettes outscored Buckingham 19-10 in the final period to ice the game, 66-45.

Tolley commended the team members for their rebounding efforts against the taller Buckingham girls. Watkins got 11 rebounds, Jaggars got 10, Ruby Smith got five, and Kim McGrath and Lolita Preston got four each.

Defensively, the girls had a good game all around. Preston recorded six steals, Jaggars five, McGrath three and Smith two. In addition, Jaggars got six assists, Smith five, and Preston three.

Ruby Smith and Lolita Preston were high scorers for the Raiderettes with 15 points each. Jaggars scored 16 points, Sandra Watkins 10 and Kaye Brown and Kim McGrath each scored two points for the Raiderettes.

Tolley noted that Buckingham played Smith one-on-one all night, and the rest of the Raiderettes "picked up the slack and performed well until Ruby could get free. The coach noted that in the first half Watkins got eight of her ten points and Preston got 10 of her 18 points, which helped give the Raiderettes an early advantage.

The Raiderettes were scheduled to play Rustburg Tuesday at home, after the Times-Virginian deadline. Thursday, the team will travel to Gretna for an 8 p.m. contest. Next Tuesday, the girls will take on William Campbell at William Campbell.

Jayvees lose first

The jayvee Raiders suffered their first defeat of this season last Thursday afternoon in a hard-fought 8-6 loss to Nelson County.

The Governors scored first in the second quarter on a long pass play, then made good on their two-point conversion attempt. The 8-0 lead held until halftime.

The second half was much like the first, with neither team scoring in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, the Raiders sustained a drive into Governor territory. Appomattox found itself on the Nelson County ten-yard line following clutch running by Ricky Turner, Donald Kelso and key pass receptions by Kevin Kendrick.

With five second remaining in the game, Raider quarterback Paul Johnson hit tight end Kevin Kendrick on a short-out pattern and Kendrick fought off two defenders to score with time elapsed, the narrow the margin to 8-6.

With no time-outs remaining, the Raiders hurriedly went for the two-point conversion and a tie. On the play, designed to be a reverse to slotback Ricky Turner, Nelson's defense tightened and stopped the Raiders short of the goal.

"We knew the Governors were good, because they hadn't been scored on in three games," commented Coach Howard Clabough after the game.

"I was proud of the way our kids kept battling back against their tough defense," the coach added.

"They had scouted us and they were well prepared for our offense," the coach said.

The loss left the Raiders with a 3-1 record. This week Appomattox will face off against Altavista (3-1) Thursday evening at 6 p.m. at Bragg Stadium.

Oakville News

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Seal of Montgomery, Alabama were weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher and Jimmy. On Sunday they all attended the Burcher reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burcher in Buckingham County.

People of this community were saddened by the death of Mr. Alonza Martin who was reared in this area.

Mrs. Marshall Martin ("Coz Ethel") had a fall and injured her elbow and back. She seems to be recuperating as well as could be expected. Mrs. Martin is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Page. Those visiting in this home recently were: Mrs. Vernel Mitchell, Miss Birdie Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Lathan Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Martin, Jason, Mr. Gordon Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Megginson, Mrs. Agnes Wilkerson, Mr. Lathan Page, Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, Mrs. Gladys Carson, Mrs. Garland Burcher and Mrs. Annie Walker Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Drinkard, Denny and Denise, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Phelps attended the State Fair in Richmond Sunday. Mr. Harris participated in a 4-Wheel Drive Ford Truck Contest and won 2 eighth places. Congratulations!

Trinity United Methodist Church, Concord, Va. celebrated its Rally Day Sunday with a large attendance. The "Three In One" singing group of Concord presented an interesting musical program at 11:00 a.m. Bountiful dinner was served on the grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Marshall.

Be sure to attend the Yard and Bake sale at Oakville SChool sponsored by the Mt. Comfort United Methodist Women October 3, 1981, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We welcome your help.

Miss Vicki Moore is spending some time this week with relatives at Emeralisle, N. C.

Galilee News

The Galilee Baptist Church took an active part in the union baptizing service Sunday at 10 a.m. The service was very impressive. A total of 16 candidates were added to the membership of the following churches: Galilee, Promise Land, Chestnut Grove, and Morning Star. Rev. Albert Davis, newly elected pastor officiated. A very large crowd witnessed the service.

The special meeting of the deacons and trustees are asked to meet this Saturday evening at 7 p.m. at the Galilee Baptist Church.

Regular preaching service will be held at the Galilee Baptist Church at 11 a.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The local Galilee Senior Choir took an active part in the musical program Sunday at the Mt. Zion and the Canaan Baptist churches. The program was enjoyed by all who came out.

The public is invited to attend the annual revival of the Mt. Airy Baptist Church beginning this Sunday at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Agnes Howard and son of Washington, D. C. spent the weekend here as the guest of her cousin and family Mrs. F. J. Lawing. Tim Lawing accompanied them from Washington.

Rocks News

By CASSIE BALDWIN

It was light frost here on Thursday morning and again Friday a.m. Farmers are busy cutting hay.

Debbie Grissom entered Lynchburg General Hospital on last Sunday again.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach attended the ordination service at Lovingston Sunday afternoon for their son, Rodney who was ordained as a deacon there.

Mrs. Zella Ranson of Virginia Beach and daughter, Katherine Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Leonard and son, Scottie and Scottie Leonard of Virginia Beach spent last weekend here with relatives.

The Walter Shelton reunion was held at Pamplin Fire house on Saturday night with a large number in attendance.

Rev. W. H. Elder went to see a doctor at Appomattox on Monday morning. Get well wishes go out to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge were camping a few days last week.

Sorry to hear Mr. Harry Jenkins is in the hospital. May he have a speedy recovery.

Mary Dickerson of Lynchburg is a patient at Lynchburg General Hospital. Hope she has a very speedy recovery.

Aubrey Ranson is back from the hospital.

Randolph Marsh arrived to visit his sister, Clara who is ill in the hospital.

The Faithful Workers Sunday School class had their class meeting with Mrs. Lockie Moore Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. September 24.

Sorry to hear Victor Jones of Newport News was taken to a hospital there Wednesday, September 23. Hope he has a very speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry St. John enroute from Richmond on Wednesday afternoon stopped by to see Margaret and Calvin Tolley at Pamplin before getting to their home in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach attended a senior citizen dinner at Bible Baptist Church of Appomattox on Thursday.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mott Harvey of Evergreen who won the birthday cake over WTTX on Wednesday.

Mrs. Margaret Marshall was under the weather last week. Hope she will soon be up and out very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Witt Wooldridge are spending the weekend in Woodbridge with friends.

Mrs. Debby Grissom returned home Thursday, September 24 from Lynchburg General Hospital much improved.

The Friendship Circle will be at the church on October 6 at 10:15 a.m. for a short meeting before going to Babcock's Nursing Home.

The Rocks Community Club picnic will be held at the fellowship hall on Thursday night, October 1 at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish. Workshop for the women will be held.

The Mildred Collins Sunday School class will have a picnic at the Fellowship hall on Saturday September 26 beginning at 6 p.m.

The Young Hearts Club will be held on September 30 at the Methodist Church in Appomattox at 10:30 a.m. Bring a covered dish and a dessert.

Mrs. Margaret Marshall went to see the doctor at Appomattox on Friday. Hope she may have a speedy recovery.

The GA's went to the Baptist Center in Lynchburg on Wednesday afternoon.

The goal for State Missions was reached and went beyond. Thankful for that.

B.Y.W.'s had their meeting with Connie Sandman on Monday night, Sept. 21.

A sad gloom was cast over our community on Friday, Sept. 25 when news came that our beloved friend, Mrs. Mary Dickerson had passed away at Lynchburg General Hospital after a short illness. She was loved by all who knew her. Sympathy goes out to the friends and relatives.

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Five cited for play

Jeff Miller, Robert Paulette, and Dunnam were cited for their efforts as linemen, and Jody Williams and Dennis Fleshman were named outstanding backs following Friday's varsity football game against Nelson County.

Miller made six tackles, four assists, and blocked two passes from his position on the defensive line against Nelson County.

Paulette made five tackles and recorded eight assists from his position on the defensive line.

Dunnam was cited by Raider Coach Gary Cuccio for his outstanding blocking on the offensive line.

Williams caught three passes for 44 yards against Nelson County Friday night.

Fleshman carried the ball 16 times for 79 yards on the ground and was the leading Raider rusher.

For their efforts, the linemen will receive a free steak dinner at Jeanne's Restaurant. The backs will receive a free Whopper, french fries and Coke from Burger King for their efforts.

Dennis Fleshman

Kevin Kendrick

Ricky Turner

Jayvees cited

Kevin Kendrick and Ricky Turner have been named the Raider junior varsity Lineman and Back of the Week, respectively, for their efforts in Thursday's game against Nelson County.

Kendrick, a tight end, caught three pases, including one for a touchdown. Also, in the Raiders' last-minute drive, he made a sensational catch to give the Raiders a first-and-goal situation at the nine-yard line. He will receive a free meal at Burger King for his efforts.

Ricky Turner, slotback, is a repeat Back of the Week honoree. Turner rushed for 145 yards on offense and was in on 12 tackles from his linebacker position on defense. For his efforts Turner will receive a meal at the Dairy Queen.

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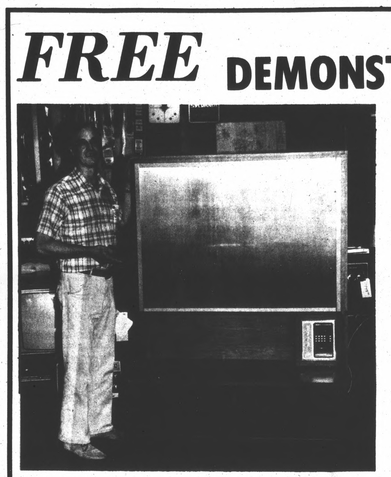

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